Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 1989 Provincial Enumeration

Enumeration '89

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Introduction

Section 17. (1) of the Election Act requires that:

> "During each Parliament of the Legislature, beginning on the first Monday in May in the third calendar year after the general election for that Parliament, there shall be, unless the Legislature is earlier dissolved, an enumeration of voters in all electoral districts."

A total of 6,607 enumerators were employed during **Enumeration '89**, which commenced on Monday, May 1st. Door-to-door visitations were completed on May 20th.

Enumerators visited each residence in the Province in order to obtain completed and signed application cards from new applicants, and where residents were already registered, to confirm those registrations.

If prospective voters were not at home at the time of the enumerator's first visit, a second visit was automatically made. At that time, if they were again not at home, application cards were left for completion and return to the Registrar of Voters. Postage-paid envelopes were included for the convenience of the applicants.

Residential visits were made from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The revision of voters' files was completed on July 28th. Phase One of the Provincial enumeration concluded with the mailing of plastic coated Voter Identification Cards to all registered voters. These cards replaced the Confirmation of Registration cards used in earlier years. In addition to confirming registration, the Voter Identification Card serves as a reminder to voters to keep their registration up-to-date. The Voter Identification Card may also be used as identification at the polling place on election day.

Phase Two of Enumeration '89 commenced with a Province-wide informational advertising campaign to encourage unregistered voters to become registered. Eligible voters who had not become registered during the Phase One door-to-door campaign and persons who had not yet received their Voter Identification Card were encouraged to contact their Registrar of Voters. Throughout the entire enumeration process, comprehensive informational advertising was prominently carried in Provincial newspapers and on radio stations.

Phase Three of the enumeration/registration process, which commenced on October 16, 1989, includes the ongoing registration of new voters as well as updates to existing voter registration information.

Registered Voters

Electoral District	Phase I JULY 28, 1989	Phase II OCTOBER 16, 1989
Alberni	17,277	17,217
Atlin	2,614	2,630
Boundary-Similkameen	40,437	40,548
Burnaby-Edmonds	26,219	26,178
Burnaby North	33,489	33,599
Burnaby-Willingdon	29,761	29,773
Cariboo	32,170	33,965
Central Fraser Valley	41,318	41,740
Chilliwack	30,984	31,121
Columbia River	12,760	12,758
Comox	40,263	40,420
Coquitlam-Moody	44,949	44,798
Cowichan-Malahat	27,481	27,582
Delta	47,620	47,664
Dewdney	43,680	43,918
Esquimalt-Port Renfrew	37,554	37,684
Kamloops	42,572	42,673
Kootenay	19,453	19,457
Langley	42,246	42,581
Mackenzie	22,604	22,733
Maillardville-Coquitlam	29,058	28,995
Nanaimo	43,640	43,852
Nelson-Creston	20,488	20,548
New Westminster	25,375	25,418
North Island	27,013	27,028
North Peace River	13,038	13,045
North Vancouver-Capilano	31,715	31,797
North Vancouver-Seymour	32,820	32,866
Oak Bay-Gordon Head	31,322	31,362
Okanagan North	30,368	30,468
Okanagan South	55,729	56,036
Omineca	13,775	13,758
Prince George North	19,304	19,438
Prince George South	25,394	25,518
Prince Rupert	10,549	10,555
Richmond	62,243	61,664
Rossland-Trail	18,358	18,372
Saanich and the Islands	54,340	54,622
Shuswap-Revelstoke	29,822	29,942
Skeena	21,262	21,307
South Peace River	13,092	13,148
Surrey-Guildford-Whalley	35,330	35,303
Surrey-Newton	40,599	40,846
Surrey-White Rock-Cloverdale	44,417	44,731
Vancouver Centre	47,563	47,485
Vancouver East	45,582	45,649
Vancouver-Little Mountain	49,408	49,299
Vancouver-Point Grey	47,320	47,227
Vancouver South	48,530	48,381
Victoria	52,159	52,323
West Vancouver-Howe Sound	34,226	34,122
Yale-Lillooet	18,548	18,594
Total	**1,707,838**	**1,712,738**

Enumerators' Expenses by Electoral District

	Electoral District	Number of Enumerators	Number of Registrations	Registration Allowance	Enumeration Fees
1	Alberni	63	16,650	$ 8,325.00	$ 7,440.00
2	Atlin	26	2,387	1,193.50	2,640.00
3	Boundary-Similkameen	192	36,722	18,361.00	21,580.00
4	Burnaby-Edmonds	84	23,826	11,913.00	9,600.00
5	Burnaby North	112	28,727	14,363.50	12,772.80
6	Burnaby-Willingdon	92	27,067	13,533.50	10,760.00
7	Cariboo	189	29,797	14,898.50	21,720.00
8	Central Fraser Valley	137	37,339	18,669.50	15,637.50
9	Chilliwack	109	29,436	14,722.00	12,840.00
10	Columbia River	74	11,815	5,907.50	8,590.00
11	Comox	168	37,203	18,601.50	17,096.60
12	Coquitlam-Moody	158	41,752	20,876.00	18,820.00
13	Cowichan-Malahat	149	26,069	13,034.50	16,560.00
14	Delta	149	43,390	21,695.00	17,060.00
15	Dewdney	163	39,301	19,650.50	18,120.00
16	Esquimalt-Port Renfrew	120	33,605	16,802.50	13,586.40
17	Kamloops	175	36,180	18,204.50	20,520.00
18	Kootenay	85	17,966	8,983.00	9,720.00
19	Langley	140	36,930	18,465.00	15,034.00
20	Mackenzie	117	19,638	9,819.00	14,340.00
21	Maillardville-Coquitlam	118	27,154	13,577.00	13,700.00
22	Nanaimo	147	41,442	20,721.00	17,400.00
23	Nelson-Creston	83	18,763	9,381.50	9,720.00
24	New Westminster	102	22,948	11,474.00	11,770.00
25	North Island	117	25,463	12,731.50	13,540.00
26	North Peace River	75	11,310	5,655.00	8,040.00
27	North Vancouver-Capilano	121	27,835	13,917.50	12,360.00
28	North Vancouver-Seymour	106	29,156	14,578.00	11,640.00
29	Oak Bay-Gordon Head	101	28,721	14,360.50	11,867.00
30	Okanagan North	121	27,547	13,773.50	14,160.00
31	Okanagan South	215	50,913	25,456.50	23,160.00
32	Omineca	78	12,745	6,372.50	8,640.00
33	Prince George North	87	17,523	8,761.50	8,280.00
34	Prince George South	117	23,050	11,525.00	12,240.00
35	Prince Rupert	58	8,840	4,420.00	6,000.00
36	Richmond	246	57,573	28,786.50	28,680.00
37	Rossland-Trail	73	17,211	8,605.50	8,760.00
38	Saanich and the Islands	160	48,770	24,386.00	18,495.60
39	Shuswap-Revelstoke	123	28,114	14,057.00	14,340.00
40	Skeena	107	19,529	9,764.50	11,760.00
41	South Peace River	66	11,997	5,998.50	7,440.00
42	Surrey-Guildford-Whalley	141	32,393	16,196.50	15,750.00
43	Surrey-Newton	126	36,160	18,080.00	14,290.00
44	Surrey-White Rock-Cloverdale	154	39,130	19,565.00	17,510.00
45	Vancouver Centre	190	38,917	19,198.50	17,960.00
46	Vancouver East	158	41,168	20,584.00	17,497.20
47	Vancouver-Little Mountain	170	43,081	21,540.50	19,320.00
48	Vancouver-Point Grey	167	41,628	20,814.00	18,672.00
49	Vancouver South	172	42,530	21,265.00	18,912.00
50	Victoria	170	46,537	23,268.50	19,460.00
51	West Vancouver-Howe Sound	134	29,818	14,909.00	14,460.00
52	Yale-Lillooet	102	18,420	9,210.00	11,280.00
	Totals	**6,607**	**1,542,186**	**$770,952.50**	**$741,541.10**

Training Allowance	Number of Kilometres	Mileage Claims	Other Expenses	Total Claims
1,260.00	2,716.60	706.28	76.00	$17,807.28
520.00	2,843.20	739.23	18.40	5,111.13
3,260.00	17,934.70	4,663.00	--	47,864.00
1,540.00	75.00	19.50	--	23,072.50
1,980.00	--	--	--	29,116.30
1,680.00	75.00	19.50	--	25,993.00
3,240.00	43,080.00	11,200.85	--	51,059.35
2,500.00	5,814.52	1,511.76	--	38,318.76
2,120.00	10,703.20	2,782.90	100.00	32,564.90
1,220.00	9,636.60	2,505.52	--	18,223.02
3,180.00	15,505.28	4,031.30	104.20	43,013.60
3,080.00	1,260.64	327.76	65.00	43,168.76
2,500.00	15,122.00	3,941.05	73.80	36,109.35
2,900.00	1,321.90	343.60	--	41,998.60
2,460.00	8,578.59	2,230.46	1.75	42,462.71
2,280.00	7,777.02	2,022.03	12.80	34,703.73
3,500.00	14,445.82	3,755.35	--	45,979.85
1,580.00	8,274.30	2,151.31	--	22,434.31
2,600.00	6,335.84	1,647.30	--	37,746.30
1,740.00	11,575.50	3,009.60	1,706.82	30,615.42
2,260.00	--	--	--	29,537.00
2,800.00	12,935.00	3,363.10	202.50	44,486.60
1,480.00	17,964.82	4,672.84	4.80	25,259.14
1,980.00	--	--	--	25,224.00
1,920.00	11,476.35	2,983.87	2,975.81	34,151.18
1,360.00	21,088.80	5,483.06	--	20,538.06
2,240.00	--	--	--	28,517.50
2,020.00	--	--	--	28,238.00
1,920.00	--	--	--	28,147.50
2,200.00	12,767.70	3,319.09	--	33,452.59
4,200.00	7,423.96	1,930.19	--	54,746.69
1,500.00	22,826.98	5,935.01	--	22,447.51
1,680.00	10,585.75	2,752.29	--	21,473.79
2,140.00	15,524.24	4,036.29	17.50	29,958.79
1,080.00	1,238.04	322.04	23.96	11,846.00
4,900.00	2,348.64	610.62	--	62,977.12
1,080.00	5,168.30	877.40	--	19,322.90
3,160.00	14,365.20	3,740.11	175.70	49,957.41
2,420.00	19,159.82	4,981.55	--	35,798.55
2,120.00	8,037.10	2,089.60	--	25,734.10
1,280.00	15,246.70	3,964.14	--	18,682.64
2,620.00	1,189.13	309.17	--	34,875.67
2,360.00	1,355.30	352.37	--	35,082.37
2,960.00	4,978.90	1,294.50	--	41,329.50
3,180.00	--	--	--	40,338.50
3,100.00	--	--	--	41,181.20
2,940.00	--	--	--	43,800.50
2,800.00	--	--	--	42,286.00
3,080.00	--	--	--	43,257.00
3,080.00	--	--	--	45,808.50
2,540.00	4,312.62	1,121.28	93.40	33,123.68
1,740.00	15,435.50	4,017.89	--	26,247.89
$121,280.00	**408,523.21**	**$105,764.71**	**$5,652.44**	**$1,745,190.75**

Registrars' of Voters Expenses

Registrar	Temporary Staff Salaries	Postage & Courier	Office Rental	Office Expenses	Travel	Totals
Burns Lake	$ 21,981.52	$ 757.48	--	$ 382.50	$ 369.20	$ 23,490.70
Campbell River	30,205.66	339.83	2,842.13	251.59	290.46	33,929.67
Chilliwack	18,831.30	106.18	6,326.00	--	229.84	25,493.32
Courtenay	32,805.99	566.68	--	132.84	114.67	33,620.18
Cranbrook	19,143.70	209.31	2,025.00	--	--	21,378.01
Dawson Creek	6,922.65	200.98	17.00	30.00	--	7,170.63
Duncan	17,824.81	406.90	1,898.00	--	179.94	20,309.65
Fort St. John	14,806.85	583.89	200.00	2,016.91	318.67	17,926.32
Golden	9,262.89	349.57	35.00	--	--	9,647.46
Kamloops	17,188.04	303.16*	--	138.00	--	17,629.20
Kelowna	17,346.67	512.05	--	215.98	134.94	18,209.64
Maple Ridge	24,378.27	458.16	70.00	129.87	648.14	25,684.44
Merritt	23,726.02	1,685.51	1,778.00	266.79	281.05	27,737.37
Nanaimo	19,717.97	479.51	--	409.25	--	20,606.73
Nelson	6,805.50	360.25	20.00	--	34.58	7,220.33
Penticton	11,667.23	433.18	--	--	--	12,100.41
Port Alberni	13,392.24	188.04	--	--	244.60	13,824.88
Powell River	21,736.52	371.47	100.00	5,083.11	39.70	27,330.80
Prince George	18,950.80	1,102.39*	--	468.75	--	20,521.94
Prince Rupert	18,913.73	441.12	1,545.00	15.10	789.01	21,703.96
Rossland	11,412.02	489.75	--	--	393.76	12,295.53
Salmon Arm	24,481.22	506.40	25.00	98.94	551.22	25,662.78
Smithers	22,445.11	957.98	--	490.43	166.85	24,060.37
Squamish	5,251.22	--	3,553.00	251.46	323.70	9,379.38
Stewart	8,657.54	302.86	--	84.21	382.67	9,427.28
Vernon	14,872.64	455.73	--	69.14	29.64	15,427.15
Williams Lake	6,337.51	879.29	2,097.00	207.47	99.32	9,620.59
Totals	**$ 459,065.62**	**$ 13,447.67**	**$ 22,531.13**	**$ 10,742.34**	**$ 5,621.96**	**$ 511,408.72**

* Combined postal charges for Registrar of Voters and Voter Registry Coordinator

Other Expenditures

Coordinating Registry Offices

Location	Temporary Staff Salaries
Vancouver	$ 461,732.19
Victoria	422,607.82
Langley	579,939.41
Kamloops	75,946.07
Kelowna	120,428.12
Prince George	69,164.59
Total	**$ 1,729,818.20**

Administration

Advertising	$ 400,226.54
Courier and Shipping	11,119.88
Data Processing	319,793.37
Postage	492,757.14
Printing	608,088.76
Temporary Staff	48,703.88
Travel	9,858.50
Total	**$ 1,890,548.07**

Summary of Expenditures

Enumerators	$ 1,745,190.75
Registrars of Voters	511,408.72
Coordinating Registry Offices	1,729,818.20
Administration	1,890,548.07
Total	**$ 5,876,965.74**

Registrars of Voters

Electoral District	Registrar of Voters
Alberni	Joe R. Stanhope
Atlin	Donna Cadieux
Boundary-Similkameen	Lorne C. Wilson
Burnaby-Edmonds	Kenneth D. Maskell
Burnaby North	Kenneth D. Maskell
Burnaby-Willingdon	Kenneth D. Maskell
Cariboo	John H. Hoem
Central Fraser Valley	Michael E. Carroll
Chilliwack	James D. Hay
Columbia River	James W. Olson
Comox	Daryl A. Egeland
Coquitlam-Moody	Michael E. Carroll
Cowichan-Malahat	Joanne Bodard
Delta	Michael E. Carroll
Dewdney	J.A. (Sandy) Lane
Esquimalt-Port Renfrew	Frances D. Miller
Kamloops	Walter Poohachoff
Kootenay	W.R. (Wally) Anderson
Langley	Michael E. Carroll
Mackenzie	Byron Johnston
Maillardville-Coquitlam	Michael E. Carroll
Nanaimo	Jeanne V. Blue
Nelson-Creston	Peter W.J. Lee
New Westminster	Michael E. Carroll
North Island	Jeff McKenzie
North Peace River	James R. Frey
North Vancouver-Capilano	Kenneth D. Maskell
North Vancouver-Seymour	Kenneth D. Maskell
Oak Bay-Gordon Head	Frances D. Miller
Okanagan North	Norman G. Schulz
Okanagan South	W.A.R. (Tony) Tozer
Omineca	Emiko Fukushima
Prince George North	William C. Christie
Prince George South	William C. Christie
Prince Rupert	Joseph (Jim) Torrance
Richmond	Michael E. Carroll
Rossland-Trail	Arnold D. Sherwood
Saanich and the Islands	Frances D. Miller
Shuswap-Revelstoke	Daryl J. Koskimaki
Skeena	Donald G. McMillan
South Peace River	Stuart W. Minifie
Surrey-Guildford-WHalley	Michael E. Carroll
Surrey-Newton	Michael E. Carroll
Surrey-White Rock-Cloverdale	Michael E. Carroll
Vancouver Centre	Kenneth D. Maskell
Vancouver East	Kenneth D. Maskell
Vancouver-Little Mountain	Kenneth D. Maskell
Vancouver-Point Grey	Kenneth D. Maskell
Vancouver South	Kenneth D. Maskell
Victoria	Frances D. Miller
West Vancouver-Howe Sound	Kenneth D. Maskell
Yale-Lillooet	Gordon Swan

Conclusion

Voter Registration

To qualify as a voter in British Columbia, a person must be at least 19 years of age on Election Day, a Canadian Citizen, and have lived in the Province for a minimum of six months prior to applying for registration.

Voter registration in British Columbia is easier and more accessible than in any other Canadian electoral jurisdiction. Outside of an Enumeration, a prospective voter may obtain a Voter Registration application from the nearest Registrar of Voters or Government Agent. The application is completed and signed by the applicant and returned to the Registrar. At that point the applicant becomes a registered voter with his/her name included on the Voters List. Following registration, voters are encouraged to keep their registration information current by advising the appropriate Registrar of Voters of any change of name or address.

VOTER REGISTRATION IS POSSIBLE AT ANY TIME OUTSIDE OF AN ELECTION. There are also two intervals within an election period when voter registration is possible. During the first ten days following the issue of an Election Writ, an eligible voter may register or change registration information at any of the registration centres established throughout British Columbia. For a further six-day period prior to Election Day, unregistered voters can register and receive Voting Certificates allowing them to vote on the day of the Election.

Elections British Columbia maintains a computerized continuous Voters List which is updated daily as a result of information received from residents across the Province. Over 90% of all voters are registered **before** an election is called.

Voter Identification Card

To ensure that British Columbia's Voters List is current at all times, the updating of the information contained in each voter's file is as important as the actual registration itself. While enumerations and other voter registration programs have been effective, very few voters remember to contact their nearest Registrar of Voters if they change their name or address. Often, this information is not communicated until a Writ of election has been issued and as a result, there is great activity to update voter records at that time. Changing or updating voter registration during an election is costly and time consuming, and places great stress on already overworked election machinery.

The newly-introduced Voter Identification Card provides voters with a visual reminder to keep their voter registration up-to-date and thus ensure they are properly registered at the time of an election. The Voter Identification Cards have been well-received by the public, generating over 140,000 notifications of change of address to date, and providing gross savings of $120,000. Each change of address notification results in a further saving of 39¢ postage at election time as all election notices will be sent to correct addresses.

The retention and use of the Voter Identification Card by registered voters will also ensure significant cost reductions during an election as fewer address changes will be processed within the very limited time available.

ELECTIONS BRITISH COLUMBIA IS THE FIRST ELECTORAL JURISDICTION IN CANADA TO DEVELOP AND USE A VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD.

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